High selling price of power

†4909. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rate of power on which it is sold to consumers, is more than the average generation cost of power in the country;

(b) if not, the average rate of power on which it is sold to industrial, commercial, railways and domestic users, who mostly consume maximum power in the country; and

(c) to what extent this selling price is more than the average generation cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) State Electricity Boards/Electricity Utilities purchase power mainly from National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC). The average cost of generation of energy for the year 2001-02 in case of operating projects work out to about Rs. 1.43/kwh in case of NTPC and about Rs. 1.10/kwh in case of NHPC. As against this the average cost of supply for the year 2001-02 of the various utilities was 349.85 paise/kwh.

The tariff for various categories of consumers during the period 2001-02 were as under :

Amount in paise/kwh

Industrial	Commercial	Railways	Domestic
378.67	426.32	449.25	195.62

Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)

4910. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States to whom the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is supplying electricity;

(b) the dues the States owe to DVC, State-wise;

(c) the strategy adopted by the DVC to recover the dues from those States; and

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